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SUBJECT: GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE TUNA FISHERY CLOSED

1. FISHERIES MINISTER LEBLANC ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 18 THAT BLUEFIN TUNA FISHERY IN GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE WILL BE CLOSED AT 2000 HOURS, SEPTEMBER 25. STATED REASON FOR CLOSURE IS LIMITED BLUEFIN TUNA STOCKS THROUGHOUT NORTH ATLANTIC AND FACT THAT ST. LAWRENCE GULF CATCHES ARE EXCEEDING 100 TUNA WEEKLY (TOTAL QUOTA OF 800 SET BEFORE SEASON HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED.)

2. EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 18, NO REPEAT NO NEW ENTRIES ARE BEING LICENSED FOR TUNA FISHING IN CANADIAN WATERS PENDING REVIEW OF THE FISHERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATIONS FOR 1975. TRANSFER OF LICENSES HAS ALSO BEEN FROZEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

3. LEBLANC STATED, HOWEVER, THAT IN VIEW OF LONG STANDING ARRANGEMENTS, TUNA SEASON FOR ALL CHARTER BOATS AND LICENSED FISHERMEN WILL REOPEN IN THE GULF FOR PERIOD OF INTERNATIONAL TUNA TOURNAMENT IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND WATERS SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 4. LEBLANC WARNED THAT THIS ACTION SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED UNCLASSIFIED

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